

ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWS

By votes of the Councils of both organizations it is now final that our annual meeting in 1975 will be a joint meeting with the Cooper Society in mid-June at The Montana State University, Bozeman, Montana.

The feature attraction of the 1974 meeting will be a symposium on Kirtland's Warbler, to be organized by Lawrence Walkinshaw, and chaired by Harold Mayfield. The location of the meeting at Douglas Lake, Michigan, makes this an appropriate topic, and without doubt a field trip to the Kirtland's breeding ground will be on the docket also.

On 27 October The Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology awarded the seventh annual Arthur A. Allen Award to Oliver L. Austin, Jr. and Elizabeth S. Austin.

In 1973 Lawrence V. Compton and S. Charles Kendeigh joined the unofficial organization of 50-year members of the Wilson Society.

During 1973 Andrew J. Meyerriecks and Kenneth C. Parkes resigned from the Editorial Board of *The Bulletin*, and the Editor and the Society wish to thank them for their service. Dr. Parkes had been a member of the Board since its inception in 1956.

It has been called to our attention that in these times of budget crunch many university libraries are cancelling their subscriptions to journals that they feel are not important. All members of the Society connected with colleges and universities can serve the Society in an important way communicating to their librarians information about the importance of *The Bulletin*.

FROM THE A.O.U.

At the annual meeting of the A.O.U. at Provincetown, Massachusetts on 8 October the following officers were elected.

President: Donald S. Farner

Secretary: George E. Watson III

First Vice-President: H. B. Tordoff

Treasurer: John A. Wiens

Second Vice-President: Charles G. Sibley

Editor: Oliver L. Austin, Jr.

The Brewster Award went to the late R. A. Philippi, A. W. Johnston, and J. D. Goodall for their work on Chilean birds. The Coues award went to John T. Emlen for his outstanding work (and that of his students) in many fields of avian biology.

In the final number of each volume of a journal such as this the Editor has the pleasant duty of expressing his thanks and appreciation to the many people who have helped in the production of that volume, the authors of papers, the referees of those papers, the

people who prepared special features, and to many others, and this issue is no exception. I do express my thanks to all these people, who must remain unnamed, but this issue is something more (to me at least) than the final number of a volume. After ten years on the job this is the final issue that I will "put to bed." Ten years! That's a whole decade! Put that way it seems almost in the same category as forever. Surely this is the time to say more than just "thanks." But how does one sum up the thoughts that rush through his head after all this time in this job. Simply to list the people—the whole gamut from the invaluable people at The Allen Press to the unsung and unofficial assistant editor (who happens to be my roommate)—would take several pages of precious space, and indeed would serve no useful purpose. It goes without saying that these people have my deepest gratitude.

I choose to remark on only one thing. In a ten-year span one can see and measure progress, even if this comes with glacial slowness, and so it is heartening to know that ornithology is still a dynamic science, even in these days when it stands low on the pecking order of biology. Even more heartening has been the opportunity to watch the development of the new crop of young and vigorous workers. I have had the pleasure of following several instances of persons who first submitted papers while they were undergraduates, and who now are in their turn directing students in worthwhile and stimulating research. To a teacher this chain of events can be one of life's great joys.

It's been a wonderful ten years for me and I have enjoyed every minute of it. The Wilson Society with its peculiarly harmonious bifurcation of membership between professionals and amateurs has been an organization that I have been proud to serve. I couldn't begin to list the friends I have made. Oh, no doubt since it is an editor's duty to criticize, and since some people resent criticism—particularly of their "deathless" prose—I have no doubt made some enemies, but hopefully these are few. But perhaps I and my successors in this job can take some comfort in the following remark quoted from *The Capital Chemist*, "If you ever see an editor who pleases everybody, he will be neither sitting nor standing—there will be a lot of flowers around him." And with that the time has come to say, "So Long."—GEORGE A. HALL.